STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): Sir, the business during the week commencing 2nd May, 2000 will consist of :

1. Discussion on the working of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. Consideration and return of the Appropriation Railways (No. 2) Bill, as passed by Lok Sabha.
3. Discussion on the working of the Ministry of Defence.

GOVERNMENT BILL

THE TRADE UNIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2000

श्रम मंत्री (डा. सत्य नारायण जटिया) : महोदय मुझे व्यवसाय संघ अधिनियम, 1926 तथा और संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक को पुरःस्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाए

The question was proposed.

SHRI JIBON ROY (West Bengal): Sir, I want to make a submission. *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Special Mentions. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI JIBON ROY: Sir, I want to make a submission.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What do you want to say?

SHRI JIBON ROY: Sir, my submission is this. Basically, this Bill goes against the fundamental rights of the workers. The Constitution has given a guarantee that the workers can come together and form an association. There should not be any stipulation that 100 persons or 200 persons should be the minimum number required for forming an association. Probably the trade unions would reconcile with the position taken by the Government in this Bill. In the Statement of Objects and Reasons the Minister has stated that the Bill was piloted after discussions with the trade unions. But the fact is that they have not accepted the recommendations of the Ramanujam Commission. In that report it is said,